



Religious Syncretism and Cultural Adaptation in Ugandan Diasporas: An African Perspective

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Abstract

Religious syncretism in African diasporas refers to the blending of diverse religious practices into a cohesive cultural identity. In Uganda, diaspora communities have experienced significant cultural and religious transformations. A survey was conducted among Ugandan diaspora members living in the UK, focusing on their religious practices, cultural identities, and adaptation strategies. Data collection included online questionnaires and interviews. The analysis revealed that over 70% of respondents reported integrating traditional Christian beliefs with indigenous or Afro-British spiritual practices, highlighting a distinct form of syncretism in diaspora contexts. This research underscores the dynamic nature of religious identity within Ugandan diasporas and emphasizes the importance of cultural adaptation for maintaining cohesive community structures. Future studies should consider longitudinal approaches to track changes in religious syncretism over generations, while policy makers could benefit from understanding these trends to support diaspora communities. Religious syncretism, Diaspora, Cultural adaptation, Ugandan diasporas, UK

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